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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 145 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/47/734 and Add.1.

2. At its 68th, 69th, 72nd and 74th meetings, on 18, 23, and 27 August and 3 September 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (A/47/916/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/984).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.43

3. At the 74th meeting, on 3 September 1993, the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.68, 69, 72 and 74).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the initial phase of the expanded size and mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size of the force of the United Nations Operation in Somalia and authorized the mandate for the expanded Operation (United Nations Operation in Somalia II) for an initial period through 31 October 1993, and resolution 837 (1993) of 6 June 1993, by which the Council reaffirmed that the Secretary-General was authorized under resolution 814 (1993) to take all necessary measures against all those responsible for the armed attacks and to establish the effective authority of the UNOSOM II throughout Somalia, including to secure the investigation of their actions and their arrest and detention for prosecution, trial and punishment,

Recalling Security Council resolution 794 (1992) of 3 December 1992,

Expressing appreciation to those countries which participated in, and made contributions to, the Unified Task Force in Somalia,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

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1/ A/47/916/Add.1.

2/ A/47/984.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Operation in Somalia II with the required resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the financial situation with regard to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II activities owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears,

Also expressing concern about the delays in submission of budget documents until well into the financial period of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, which have contributed to the financial difficulties of the Operation,

Expressing deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II and, consequently, the success of the Operation,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the text of the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Operation in Somalia II is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, to improve management and to include in the report on the item to the General Assembly the information on steps taken in this regard;

3. Regrets the absence of any reimbursements to troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, and requests the Secretary-General to undertake all efforts to ensure that such reimbursements are expedited;

4. Urges all Member States to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II promptly and in full;

5. Decides to appropriate an amount of 256,201,100 United States dollars gross (251,119,100 dollars net) for the operation of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993, in addition to the 300 million dollars already appropriated in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/41 B of 15 April 1993;

6. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 256,201,100 dollars gross (251,119,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and

47/218 of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

7. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 66,201,100 dollars gross (64,981,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 May 1992 to 30 April 1993;

8. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the remaining estimated staff assessment income of 5,082,000 dollars for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993 approved for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II at a rate not to exceed 84,700,000 dollars gross (81,380,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 November 1993 to 28 February 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue the Operation beyond 31 October 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than 8 February 1994, budget proposals, including revised estimates for the period the Security Council might have decided to continue the mandate beyond 31 October 1993, as well as budget proposals for the subsequent period of six months;

11. Decides to establish the contributions of Andorra, Eritrea and Monaco to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-eighth session;

12. Invites the new Member States mentioned in paragraph 11 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

13. Also invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the fund established pursuant to Security Council resolution 794 (1992) in accordance with paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 814 (1993);

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".